Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai : I do not move it.

MESSAGE FROM SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

Secretary : Sir, I beg to report that the following message has been received from the Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly :-

"Under Rule 51 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that at the meeting of the Sri Mulam Assembly held on the 21st February 1945 the Assembly has passed a motion that the Travancore Disposition of Property Bill should be committed to a joint committee of the Sri Chitra State Council and the Sri Mulam Assembly. I am to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether the Sri Chitra State Council concurs in the motion."

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

Secretary: Sir, I beg to report that the following Bills have received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :—

(i) The Travancore Workmen's Compensation Act (Amendment) Bill.

(ii) The Travancore District Municipalities Act (Amendment) Bill.

(iii) The Travancore Provident Funds Act (Amendment) Bill.

(iv) The Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.

(v) Amendment to Order XXVIII of the Civil Procedure Code, 1100.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Sir, I was bringing to your notice and the notice of the House that we received copies of the Bill that are before the House for today only yesterday evening ; and it was not possible to send them earlier because they were passed in the other House only day before yesterday. If we want to send amendments to any of these Bills, we should send them 6 days before. So, we find it impossible to send amendments to the Bill as passed by the Assembly. Would it not be better, therefore, to postpone the consideration of these Bills to a future Session?

President : Sir, As soon as one of these Bills is taken up you may make the motion and the matter will be discussed then.

MOTION CONGRATULATING HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA FOR THE ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Mr. M. Govindan (*Nominated*) : Sir, I wish to move the following resolution before we commence other business of the day.

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[Mr. M. Govindan.]

"This Council offers its humble and loyal congratulations to His Highness the Maharaja for issuing the Proclamation abolishing Capital punishment."

For the acceptance of this resolution I know that a speech is unnecessary. Like the historic Temple Entry Proclamation, this Proclamation has been useful not only for Travancore but has set an example to the rest of the world. With these words, I commend the resolution for the unanimous acceptance of the House.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Sir, I second the resolution moved by my learned friend. The proclamation abolishing capital punishment which can be compared only to the Temple Entry Proclamation both in its catholicity and progressive outlook has enabled Travancore to deserve a very high place among the enlightened countries of the world. This and other brilliant achievements of His Highness the Maharaja have made him one of the Greatest Rulers and Reformers of the present generation. His Highness the Maharaja, on the advice of His Highness' talented Dewan whose anxiety to make Travancore a model State knows no bounds, has set his signature and seal to this momentous proclamation animated by sublime spiritual considerations and actuated by lofty ideals. The doctrine of Ahimsa is the corner stone of all Religions and the Proclamation abolishing Capital punishment is founded upon that great doctrine. It is an Act which has proceeded from a great personality. It is an Act which deserves all our praise. We can only admire, congratulate and pray for the long life of His Highnesses the Maharaja, the fountain of such great acts. With these words I second the resolution.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Nominated*): Sir, I have great pleasure in supporting this Resolution. It is very kind of His Highness to have passed this momentous proclamation. I endorse all the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: Sir, in supporting the motion I state that in the Proclamation abolishing Capital punishment there is one strong idea which deserves special consideration. That is, hundreds of persons although they have committed the offence may escape capital punishment but if one innocent person is punished with capital punishment, will meet with injustice and inequality. That idea is completely enforced by the Proclamation. That is a great thing indeed. Therefore, I support the motion.

Mr. Ravivarma Valia Raja (*Edavaka*): സർ, ക്ഷത്ര പ്രമോദന വിളംബരം ഒന്നുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ വെൺമയേറിയ പ്രശസ്തിയെ കനകലിപികളാൽ എഴുതപ്പെട്ടുകഴിഞ്ഞിരി

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ക്കുന്ന ഒരു കാലാവട്ടമാണ് ഇത്. ഇപ്പോൾ മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ വധശിക്ഷ നിറുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നതായി മറെറാരു തിരുവെഴുത്തു വിളംബരം പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇതു് ഇവിടത്തെ പ്രജകൾക്കു അത്യന്തം സന്തോഷപ്രദവും അനുഗ്രഹപ്രദവും ആയ ഒരു വിളംബരമാണെന്നുള്ളതിൽ രണ്ടുപക്ഷമില്ല. വധശിക്ഷ നിറുത്തലാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടുള്ള ഒരു വിളംബരം ആദ്യമായി പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചതിൽ നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തിനും തദ്ദേശരാ മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലേക്കും ന്യായമായി അഭിമാനിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ മുൻപു് ബ്രാഹ്മണരേയും സ്ത്രീകളേയും വധശിക്ഷയിൽനിന്നും ഒഴിവാക്കിയിരുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ ഈ വിളംബരത്തോടുകൂടി എല്ലാവരെയും തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു വധശിക്ഷയിൽനിന്നു ഒഴിവാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇതുപോലെ അനേകം അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങൾ പ്രജകൾക്കു ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു ആയുരാരോഗ്യത്തോടുകൂടി നീണാൾ വാഴട്ടെ എന്നു് ആശംസിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

Resolution was passed unanimously.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

Mr. S. Ramaswami Aiyar (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Act. II of 1108.

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